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1.

At Gdansk a battery of light artillery was stationed in the Wrzeczcz section of the city.

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In Westerplatte Polish naval ships are anchored in summer, mainly trawlers and mine-layers of Soviet construction. There are usually about 12 ships in the port, each with a crew of 30 men. In winter the craft went into repair, generally to Gdynia. Gdansk has shipyard facilities and cargo ships are constructed.

Gdynia always had naval ships in port. Among these was the light cruiser Elzawica, a division of submarines (3 submarines), 12 speed boats (Soviet construction), and two torpedo boats, also of Soviet make. A German submarine base, named Motlawa, was also afloat, with a capacity for five thousand people. Soviet submarines patrolled in the Baltic Sea, but never entered the port of Gdynia. [] the Soviet fleet on maneuvers in the Baltic. The fleet included one battleship, Marat, nine destroyers, submarines and land-based planes overhead. The fleet did not enter Gdynia. The Polish Navy is based in the Oksza sector of Gdynia. Babie Doly is the airbase for sea planes and the coastal defense.

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No units of infantry are stationed in Gdynia. However, the WOP, responsible for frontier defense, had a unit in the port. This unit patrolled along the shore in tugs and was mainly concerned with observing the fishermen to prevent escape to Sweden.

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Yes, Soviet merchant ships, mainly Liberty ships, come to Szczecin and load grain, sugar, coal and iron ore.

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